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GEORGIANS ICEMEN NEW LOOK FOR STRETCH DRIVE

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The Georgians have acquired a new look for the final stretch drive before the Q.U.A.A. playoffs and its not in the form of new uniforms.

Part of the new look is the appearance of former Junior A centre star Barry Walker. Walker who sat out the first half decided to join the Georgians at Christmas and his addition has enabled the skaters to strengthen both offensively and defensively.

John Murray the best all around hockey player on the team has been shifted to defense where he can best use his natural ability and size. Walker, meanwhile becomes centre on the Georgians top line with Mark Shewchuck and Rory McKay. The Georgians have had trouble at the centre position all season, mainly due to lack of centre ice experience. Everyone who has been playing centre has been converted from the wing position.

MCNAMARA CENTRE

Another new look finds Mike McNamara, all star defenseman, switched to centre between Phil Turner and Barry Cullen on the Georgians second unit. McNamara always a leading scorer on defense gives the Georgians another tough, experienced sharpshooter up front. McNamara is able to move to forward because of the emergence of Mike Kucyniak as a regular on the blueline. Kucyniak, a 190 lbs., six footer has been slow to come around after a brilliant Junior B career with Lachine Rapids. Lately, however, he has shown exceptional ability on defense and he is now regarded as the Georgians third defenseman behind Murray and George Tower. The Georgians have two other defensemen Bill Hatten and Mario Cettini to fill in should the need arise. The third line made up of rookies Moore, Sheriffs and Atkinson remains intact.

STRONGEST LINEUP

Coaches Arsenault and Philip now feel they have their strongest possible lineup for the tough games coming up. The Georgians chances this year will depend a great deal on how well the new formations adjust within the next few weeks. If all goes well Sir George will make a strong challenge for the league title.

LEADING SCORERS

	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>+ -</u>	<u>PIM</u>
Mark Shewchuck	24	26	19	45	+19	65
John Murray	24	13	19	32	+8	12
Mike McNamara	23	8	22	30	+13	54
Rory McKay	24	7	22	29	+3	47
Bill Hattem	24	5	23	28	+3	52

GEORGIAN RECORD

<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
24	12	9	3	120	96	27/48

BASKETBALL

The Georgian basketball team won three league games this week, including a rare "doubleheader" and moved into sole possession of second place with a 12-5 record.

On Wednesday Sir George travelled to Macdonald and became the first club to beat the Clansmen on their home court. Macdonald held a 4 point halftime advantage as Tom Brethel and Peter Hargrove were the only effective offensive players for Sir George. The Clansmen quickly built up a 10 point lead before Tom Brethel started to bring Sir George back with his passing and shooting. With eight minutes remaining and the Georgians down by two points, Jim Guild, the league's leading scorer fouled out of the game, Sir George promptly ran off 11 straight points to take a 9 point lead. The Georgians stave-off a last minute rally by Macdonald to register the 82-79 victory as Brethel hit two foul shots with 2 seconds left in the game.

Tom Brethel was high man for Sir George with 31 points while Mike Hickey added 16 and Peter Hargrove 11. Dave Algar was high for Macdonald with 27 and Jim Guild had 18.

Sir George's game against R.M.C. scheduled for Friday night was cancelled due to the snow storm and the game was played Saturday night. Sir George faced Sherbrooke while R.M.C. played Loyola earlier in the day. In the Sherbrooke game the Georgians fell behind early and were down by 8 points at halftime. However, the Georgians came back behind the shooting of Tom Brethel and Mike Hickey and tied the score with 12 minutes to play in the game. The lead changed hands until with 2 minutes to play, Brethel stole the ball three consecutive times and scored 7 straight points to put the game on ice. The final score was 83-77 with Brethel scoring 35 points while Hickey and Hargrove added 20 and 16 points respectfully.

The R.M.C. game was a sluggish affair in which saw the Georgians score in spurts. Mike Hickey and Tom Brethel each had 13 first half points to give Sir George a 39-33 lead at the intermission. In the second half R.M.C. took a temporary lead before the Georgians ran off 11 straight points and coasted to its twelfth victory of the season, 79-68. Tom Brethel was high scorer for Sir George with 24 points while Mike Hickey had 23.

SWIMMING

The Sir George Williams University swimming team competed in the Queen's University Invitational meet in Kingston over the weekend. Although no team points were kept Sir George winners fared well against stiff competition from six Ontario schools including the strong Guelph University squad. While all swimmers from Sir George recorded their best times, Phil Bourgeois had to be considered the top individual performer as he won the 200 yard breaststroke in 2:31.2, placed second in the 100 yard breast in 1:09.4, placed sixth in the 200 yard individual medley and contributed solid relay legs in both the 400 yards medley relay and 400 yards medley relay and 400 yards free style relay. Pierre Dussault was the other Sir George winner as he commanded the 200 yards freestyle from start to finish, hitting the wall in 2:01.3. Claude Nolin turned in several outstanding performances as he placed third in the 50 yards freestyle in 24.2, third in the century free event in 53.7 and second in the 100 yards butterfly in 58.9.

Next weekend the team travels to the best swimming facility in Canada for the Q.U.A.A. championships at Laval University in Quebec City. Tough competition is expected from McGill University, one of the top two or three teams in the country. The meet is also the qualifying meet for the CIAU Championships so all Quebec Universities will be peaking for this one. Outstanding performances will again be expected from Bourgeois, Dussault and Nolin as well as a rapidly improving Bob Kennel and Mike Irving.

SKIERS REACHING THE TOP

Bob Hainault and Peter Leupold, members of the Sir George ski team placed well in this weekend's Coupe de Quebec action. Hainault, a first year commerce student finished 6th and Leupold 7th in the Giant Slalom.

Leupold also won the Q.U.A.A. slalom race January 28, and helped the Georgian team finish second the next day in the Giant Slalom.

Both Leupold and Hainault are considered excellent prospects to make the Canadian team for the FISU world student games to be held at the end of the month in Lake Placid.

Upcoming races for the Sir George team include a downhill Monday, February 14th at Sutton and the FISU games trials, Monday, February 21, 1972.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9TH FEBRUARY 19TH

Wednesday	February 9	<u>V. Hockey</u> - S.G.W.U. @ Loyola 8:00 p.m. <u>W's B'Ball</u> - U.Q.A.M. @S.G.W.U. 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 10	<u>V. B'Ball</u> - S.G.W.U. @ McGill 8:00 p.m.
Friday	February 11	<u>V. Hockey</u> - U. de S. @S.G.W.U. @ McGill 8:00 p.m. <u>V. B'Ball</u> - Mt. Allison @S.G.W.U. @ Loyola 8:00 p.m. <u>J.V. B'Ball</u> - U de Q.M. @S.G.W.U. @ Loyola 7:00 p.m. <u>Skiing</u> - Q.U.A.A. slalom B @ U de M <u>Curling</u> - Championships, Q.U.A.A. @Trois-Rivieres
Saturday	February 12	<u>V. Hockey</u> - R.M.C. @S.G.W.U. @McGill 2:00 p.m. <u>V. B'Ball</u> - S.G.W.U. @Clinton Community College 2:00 p.m. <u>J.V. B'Ball</u> - S.G.W.U. @ C.M.R. 4:00 p.m. <u>Volleyball</u> - Q.U.A.A. Championships <u>Swimming</u> - Q.U.A.A. Championships
Monday	February 14	<u>Skiing</u> - Downhill A - Q.U.A.A. @ Sutton
Tuesday	February 15	<u>J.V. Hockey</u> - C.M.R. vs S.G.W.U. @C.M.R. 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 16	<u>Varsity Hockey</u> - S.G.W.U. @U de M 8:00 p.m. <u>J.V. B'Ball</u> - Loyola @S.G.W.U. @ Loyola 6:15 p.m. <u>V. B'Ball</u> - Loyola @S.G.W.U. @Loyola 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 17	<u>J.V. Hockey</u> - Macdonald @S.G.W.U. @Loyola 8:30 p.m. <u>V. B'Ball</u> - Clinton Comm. College @S.G.W.U. @Westmount 8:00 p.m.
Friday	February 18	<u>J.V. Hockey</u> - S.G.W.U. @Loyola 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 19	<u>V. Hockey</u> - Loyola @S.G.W.U. @McGill 2:00 p.m. <u>V. B'Ball</u> - S.G.W.U. @ R.M.C. 2:00 p.m. <u>J.V. B'Ball</u> - S.G.W.U. @ U de Q.T.R. 2:00 p.m. <u>Q.U.A.A.</u> - Wrestling championships @ R.M.C.